

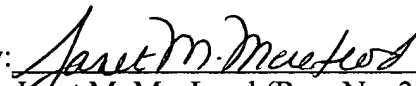
REMARKS

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and to place the claims in U.S. format. No new matter has been added. New claim 36 finds support in original claim 17. Favorable consideration and allowance of all pending claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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